

## MACK TO NAN

July 1st 1864 City Point Va

Dear Wife Nan I now again take my pen in hand to try and Scribble a few lines to you again hoping it will find you and all the rest of the folks all well. well Nan I recon you will begin to wonder why I am Still at the hospital. well Nan I will tell you why. I got about able to Start back to my Regt and there were a lack of nurces here to take care of the Sick and wounded. So they detailed me for a nurce on the 27th. Nan it is not a pleasant job to take Care of 25 or 30 sick and wounded men. there are 16 Sick Soldier in this ward they all have or most of them has the tifoid fever. there were 6 wounded Soldiers taken away from this ward and one died yesterday there are 4 of us in a ward and each ward has from 24 to 30 persons in them jenerly. Nan Andy is wounded but not very dangerous. he was wounded on the 27th the left hand or rather his largest finger on the left hand is badly Shot. I think that he will have to have it taken off Close up to his hand. he had it done on the 27th he came by here to go to the boat to go to Washington I was siting out doors righting a letter to John when Andy Came up to me and Spoke to me before I knew that he was about. So I was offal glad to se him but he did not Stay here more than two hours till he got on the boat and left. he said there were lots of our boys getting kill every day he said that Dewitt and Jim Beard was both well on the 27th but they were all of the Woodbridge boys that was left in our Company So you Can Sea that we have been in some tough fights. there are only 145 men in our Regt now. and when we joined the Regt ther were 720 of us there was 550 of us new recruits. but they are badly scattered. just se us Woodbridge Boys how we are Scattered. Al is at Philadelphia Thomas is at Washington I expect but he may not be thou[gh] there is where he thought they [were] going. Andy is Sent to some hospital probably to Washington but I dont know [for] Sure then here I am at City Point hospital. Dewitt and Jim Beard is still in the front or was the day Andy got wounded. Andy brought five letters for me when he came by here. he expected to find me at Washington if he found me any place. there were the hardest and heaviest Canonading yesterday all day and all night last night that I ever heard. it was in the direction of Petersburg. I hope they have Shelled it down. now nan I cant think of any thing to right. O yes I forgot to tell you that I [got] the letter you rote to me . the first one you rote after you got to your Fathers I was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well. for I had not got any letters from you for nearly a month. I also got one you wrote to me a[t] galipolis [Ohio]. I got a letter from Pap and mother they was all well it was dated the 12 of June that was the date of your letter. I got a short letter from Al he is in Philadelphia he said his thumb was offal sore yet. now Nan I will have to tell you to not right to me for a while until I right to you to right to me nan I dont know how to Say dont right to me. but it is better for you to not right at all than to right and me not get your letters. now I will tell why. I am likely to [be] mooved from here to some other hospital to nurce it may all be mooved in a day or two and it may Stay here for months I Cant tell any thing about it but there are no surety in getting letters here. I may Stay here for a nurce for a month or Six weeks. I get offal lonesom here because there are but few of our Hillsdale boys here and non of the Woodbridge boys but there are one of the[m] at the regt hardly we are all Scattered. if you wood Still Send letters to me to the Regt there are no one there but Dewitt and Jim beard that wood take care of them for me and probably they wood loos them as they are in a fight nearly every day. So they say. I guess the Safest plan will be for you not to right to me untill I Send you word to. but I know the time will pass offal Slow. Nan I will still right to you as often as I can. as soon as I Can se a way to have male I will right for you to right. Nan I have Some cough yet but not So bad as it was my duty here is light but very Confineing and disagreeable. but I had as Soon Stay here a while as not untill Peters Burgh is taken any how. now O yes I got the money you Sent to me it was very exceptable to me for I was out. but I had rather you had of kept it and used it your Self for you will want lots of thing. and I dont know when I will draw any pay for uncl Sam. but I will Send you Some money as soon as I get any pay. Now Nan I dont expect to hear from you again for 2 or 3 week unless I

can see a way to get male. So I can write to you every few days, So you be a good girl and take care of your self. tell Beck I was glad to read a letter from her Altho we are almost strangers. but I hope the time is not far distant when we will become acquainted. tell Beck that I will write to her as soon as I can think of something to write that is worth writing. give my love to all the folks. good by for this time. from Mc to Nan

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